

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION REPORT

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SUBJECT: Buffalo Merchandise Distribution Center (Vulcan - Morgan II) Site, Buffalo, Erie County, New York

POLREP: POLREP 2 (Two) Final Report

I. BACKGROUND

Site No.:	MD
Delivery Order No.:	N/A
Response Authority:	CERCLA
ERNS No:	N/A
NPL Status:	Non-NPL
UAO Date:	09/28/98
Start Date:	02/16/99
Mobilization Date:	08/16/99
Demob Date	03/19/99
Completion Date	03/23/99

II. INCIDENT INFORMATION

A. CERCLA Incident Category: Response - Abandonment of Hazardous Materials.

B. Situation

1. Site Description/Information: The site is a operating warehouse which stores commercial consumer goods, located at 261 Great Arrow Avenue, Buffalo, New York. The site is surrounded by a mix of residential and commercial properties. The site utilizes approximately 1,000,000 sq ft of a portion of the former Pierce-Arrow Car Manufacturing Plant. In the warehouse are stored charcoal, lighter fluid, soda, lawn furniture and other commercial goods along with approximately 3,000 drums

of flammable waste (product gone bad). The building is not rated for flammable storage. The drums condition continues to deteriorate. An UAO was given to Solutia to conduct a removal of the 3,000 drums on 9/28/98. A school is located about 100 yards down the

2. Response Actions to Date:

- a. EPA an expedited removal assessment was conducted 3/98. An UAO was signed on 9/28/98 which required Solutia to remove and dispose of the 3,000 flammable liquid drums on the site. on 7/15/98 and 7/22/98.
- b. Mobilization to the site occurred on 02/16/99 to begin the removal action. From 2/16-3/17 site activities included site setup, stabilization, staging, sampling, and T&D. A total of 2306 drums were shipped for disposal. The site was demobed on 3/17/99. The final site walk-through occurred on 3/22/99 with the Fire Department and the RM from Maverick Construction (Solutia's Representative).

3. Enforcement: On-going.

4. Next Steps: Cost recovery.